

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether the said capsule is being sold in the market; and

(d) if so, the price of the capsule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) As per the information furnished by the State Government of Haryana, the State Government Ayurvedic Department in consultation with Ayurvedic physician at Shri Krishna Government Ayurvedic College have developed a formulation, namely, 'Nasha Mukti Capsules' for trial and use on alcohol addicted persons. These capsules are being tried in Government Ayurvedic dispensaries/hospitals of the State of Haryana. It is not being sold in the open market.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Development of Transport Sector

4698. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts have pointed out that integrated development of transport sector likely to cost a colossal amount of one lakh crores over the next five years if the targetted real GDP growth rate of 7-8% a year is intended to be achieved;

(b) if so, the total requirement of Central funds for the road development during the next five years;

(c) whether transport finances available are far short of the requirement despite the formulation of plans by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the concrete steps that are being considered to meet the shortage of funds in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Funds for Development of Colleges

4699. SHRI K.S. RAYADU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any provision has been made in the budget for the development of colleges in each

educationally backward districts in the country during 1996-97.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) University Grants Commission (UGC) provides development grants, in relaxation of the prescribed norms, to all eligible colleges located in backward areas of the country. Development grants are allocated for the Plan period as a whole and not on a year-to-year basis. Such grants are, however, released on a yearly basis on receipt of Utilisation Certificates in respect of grants paid earlier, progress reports in respect of the building projects, etc.

Export of Blood Samples

4700. SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that export of blood samples are against the country's interest;

(b) whether the Government have taken any concrete step to stop such exports as apprehended by Bio-technology experts in the country; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Export of blood samples for sophisticated testing not available in the country, is permissible as such tests are beneficial to the consumers.

(b) and (c) Export of blood for commercial purposes is banned under the provisions of the Import Trade Control Policy. Blood samples can be exported for testing purposes only after obtaining an Export Licence from the Director General, Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce, New Delhi.

Arrest of Indian Fishermen by Sri Lanka and Pakistan

4701. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to prevent the arrest and detention of Indian fishermen by Srilankan and Pakistani authorities?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : Coast Guard authorities conduct regular meetings with the Indian fishing community wherein fishermen are educated about the limits of Indian seas.

Coast Guard advise the Indian fishermen not to cross over into the Exclusive Economic Zone of neighbouring countries. Our fishermen are also advised to install communication equipments on board their fishing vessels for effective communication at sea.

Problem of International Border Demarcation

4702. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether changing course of the river along the international borders of Nepal and India is causing problems of border demarcation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether large area of agricultural land has been lost due to change in course of the river and the same has caused hardship to the farmers of both the countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d) India has 1751 km. border with Nepal coming under four States namely Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim. Out of this, about 591 km. is riverine segment. This segment is yet to be fully demarcated and the process is under way. The northern tributaries of Ganga which flow from Nepal to India have in the past shown meandering tendencies. Generally, the deepest stream of a gradually shifting river is taken as the boundary in the riverine reaches. However, in the case of an abrupt change in course, the status quo ante is maintained.

The State Governments have not reported any instance of changing course of the river in the recent past.

Investment in Private Power Sector

4703. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry has suggested to the Government that 20% assured returns on private sectors investments in expressways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rehabilitation of Displaced Families

4704. SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 11 dated February 27, 1996 and state

(a) the number of villages and families displaced and rehabilitated so far;

(b) the amount of compensation paid by each participating State on this account;

(c) the amount of compensation still to be given to persons already displaced; and

(d) the details of future plan of action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Polavaram Project in Andhra Pradesh

4705. SHRI L. RAMANA:
SHRI K.S. RAYADU:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Polavaram project of Andhra Pradesh is pending clearance with the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir. The State Government had originally submitted the Polavaram Project in two parts, namely, dam and left canal in April, 1983 and right canal in May, 1985. An overall review by Central Water Commission indicated certain basic deficiencies in Project Planning and the Projects were sent back to the State Government in December, 1987 for submission of modified reports after compliance of observations of Central Water Commission on various issues. The State Government again submitted a Project Report in July, 1990 but the same was found to be an up-dated estimate and the observations of Central Water Commission had not been complied with. The Government of Andhra Pradesh was accordingly requested in July, 1990 to furnish modified report after compliance of observations of the Central Water Commission.

(b) To expedite the process of appraisal Hydrological studies, design flood and sedimentation studies and cropping pattern have been finalised. The State Government is required to comply with the observations on Irrigation Planning, obtain the concurrence of Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Orissa for submergence in their territories and submit modified report.